IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lakhani *et al.*Continuation of Serial No. 09/220,020, filed 12/23/1998, entitled **DIRECT END-OFFICE ATM TRUNKING**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a Preliminary Amendment for a Continuation of Serial No. 09/220,020. Please enter the following amendments prior to calculating the filing fees. If any fees in addition to those accompanying the attached application are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732 and consider this a petition therefor.